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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM PINS PBOR LA TH
SUBJECT: REPORTS OF EXECUTIONS, ORDERS NOT TO FIRE ON REFUGEES

REF A BANGKOK A-36, B BANGKOK A-45

1. REFS A AND B CONTAIN REPORTS FROM LAO REFUGEES IN
THAILAND ABOUT EXECUTIONS IN SOUTHERN LPDR OF REFUGEES
TRYING TO FLEE AND OF PERSONS SUSPECTED OF BEING
INVOLVED WITH RESISTANCE. REF A REPORTS PUBLIC EXECU-
TIONS IN SAVANNAKHET AND PAKSE.

2. EMBASSY HAS NO CONFIRMATION OF REPORTS OF
EXECUTIONS IN SOUTHERN LPDR BUT, OF COURSE, WE HAVE
ONLY LIMITED ACCESS TO SOURCES TRAVELING TO VIENTIANE

FROM THERE. FRENCH DIPLOMAT TOLD US MARCH 3, HOWEVER,
THAT HE HAD HEARD NO ACCOUNTS OF PUBLIC EXECUTIONS IN
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SAVANNAKHET FROM FRENCHMAN WHO HAS BEEN LIVING THERE
FOR SOME TIME WORKING ON AID PROJECT TO BUILD CITY WATER
SYSTEM.

3. WE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED FROM FRENCH SOURCES THAT
SOME INMATES OF PRISON CAMPS HAD BEEN EXECUTED AFTER
BEING CAPTURED TRYING TO ESCAPE AND THAT THAI STUDENTS

TRYING TO ESCAPE BACK TO THAILAND HAD SIMILARLY BEEN
EXECUTED WHEN THEY WERE CAPTURED IN VIENTIANE PROVINCE.

4. SINCE FEBRUARY 9 BORDER INCIDENT WHEN LAO FORCES
SHOT A REFUGEES CROSSING RIVER AT VIENTIANE AND THAI
FIRED BACK, INFLECTING TWO CASUALTIES ON LAO FORCES,
NUMEROUS SOURCES STATE THAT LAO AUTHORITIES HAVE MADE
IT KNOW THAT THEY WILL NOT FIRE AT PERSONS FLEEING
ACROSS RIVER. SOURCES SAY THIS IS NOT BECAUSE LAO
AUTHORITIES ARE SOFT-HEARTED BUT BECAUSE THEY DO NOT
WANT TO PROVOKE THAI COUNTERFIRE.
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